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Reward for Missing Man

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An American millionaire has offered a $100,000 reward for finding the missing remains of Peking Man, which mysteriously disappeared 30 years ago.

Christopher Janus, a Chicago investment broker, said yesterday he had gone to China in his search for the 500,000-year-old bones last year but had discovered new evidence on their whereabouts.

The missing remains, which include a tooth, a skull and other bones, were unearthed at Choukoutien near Peking between 1927 and 1929 and identified as the bones of human beings who lived between 500,000 and 650,000 years ago.

The bones were the first evidence of man's early existence in eastern Asia north of the Himalayas. They mysteriously disappeared in 1941 during the war and are popularly believed to have been smuggled out of the country by U.S. Marines then serving in China.

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